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LARSON HONORS FAMILIES OF 9/11 VICTIMS

Washington, DC -- On September 11th we saw an attempt to strike down all that makes America. In those violent attacks, terrorists hoped to divide us and show the weaknesses in our society. Instead they saw the strength as Americans came together to mourn and rebuild. These seven years later, the lesson of that terrible day is the importance of service to our communities and the support we can draw from each other. great – our people, our sense of possibility and our ambition.

We saw that in the Keane family of Wethersfield, Connecticut. The Keane's suffered a terrible loss with the death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Richard in the World Trade Center. But, they turned their personal sadness towards growth and opportunity for the community that Richard loved. Today they will unveil the 9/11 Memorial Sports Center in Wethersfield, a facility built with the funds and hard work of the Keane Foundation. They brought pieces of the towers that fell to their town as a permanent reminder of what was lost. What a beautiful testament to a wonderful man and what an incredible display of strength for this town. on September 11th.

Today and everyday, I stand with the families of the victims in expressing my sympathy and support. They are the bedrock of our communities and the strength they have shown over the past seven years is what makes this country great.

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